

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COMMANDER GRADY JAY WILLIAMS II FOR HIS SERVICE ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Grady Jay Williams II has served as Sons of AMVETS Squadron 95 Commander for two years; and

Whereas, he has held the office of 2nd Vice Commander; and

Whereas, under his leadership Squadron 95 supported the AMVETS "Thank a Vet" program by hosting dinners and supplying food baskets for the needy; and

Whereas, Commander Williams set up a budget providing the Sons of AMVETS 12th District with the necessary funds to continue their excellent service for veterans; and

Whereas, Grady Jay Williams II has worked tirelessly on behalf of veterans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Commander Grady Jay Williams II for his contributions to his community and country.

HONORING JOHNNIE CARR, A FORCE FOR UNITY AND POSITIVE CHANGE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and mourn the passing of Johnnie Carr, a true champion for civil rights. I am humbled and inspired by the change Johnnie Carr was able to realize over the course of her pioneering life. For nearly a century, she fought for equal treatment—remaining never complacent, never satisfied. She was the childhood friend of Rosa Parks and fought alongside her in the historic Montgomery bus boycott. She succeeded Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1967 as president of the Montgomery Improvement Association (the leading force behind the boycott) and she ably served at that post until her passing earlier this month.

But it was her dynamic message of unity—a call to arms that appealed to everyone—that set her apart as a one-of-a-kind healer, a matriarch in a movement as relevant today as it was then.

May we carry with us the exuberance and energy she maintained and aspire to live up to the ideals to which she devoted her extraordinary life of activism.

HONORING JOHN HOREJSI

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fairfax County Federa-

tion of Citizens Associations 2007 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year, Mr. John Horejsi.

Throughout his career, Mr. Horejsi has demonstrated selfless dedication to his community and committed to improving the lives of those in need. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, he began his career as a caseworker for the Missouri Division of Family Services, and worked his way up to become the Deputy Director 11 years later. In 1974, Mr. Horejsi moved to Washington D.C., and joined the American Public Welfare Association as a staff associate. Four years later, he became a program analyst at the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Family Assistance and later served as a Program Specialist at HHS. Since retiring after more than 40 years of dedicated service, Mr. Horejsi has fully committed himself to working for the Social Action Linking Together (SALT), a faith-based advocacy network he founded.

Over the years, the SALT Network has grown in size to over 1,000 members who advocate for social justice and fight to positively influence local public policy on behalf of low-income families. Since its founding, SALT has developed bi-partisan support in Fairfax County and Richmond for legislation that seeks to improve the conditions of: statewide homelessness, child support for low income families, oversight of problematic nursing homes, and taxation for food stamps. The organization has effectively lobbied Richmond by sending out e-mail updates and alerts about legislation, hosting annual training conferences to educate members, setting up meetings with state legislators, and coordinating an annual advocacy day in the capital city. Recently, Mr. Horejsi has been utilizing the SALT network to secure funding for childcare subsidies targeting low-income working families in Virginia, so that their children have access to safe and quality childcare and parents do not leave the workforce in order to qualify for the state benefits.

Mr. Horejsi has always been willing and able to step forward when his fellow citizen was in need. His work with the SALT network has earned him the respect and support of many citizens in the community. I could not think of anyone more deserving of the Citizen of the Year award. Mr. Horejsi should be proud of his career and his accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to commend and congratulate Mr. Horejsi on his impressive record of service to Fairfax County and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. John Horejsi, the 2007 Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations Citizen of the Year.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OHIO COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the Ohio College Association celebrates its 140th anniversary with great joy; and

Whereas, this milestone is the result of what a hardworking people began in 1867; and

Whereas, the Ohio College Association has unwaveringly served Ohio, its citizens, and the

higher education community by promoting higher education within the State of Ohio; and

Whereas, past accomplishments have included defining and accrediting baccalaureate curricula, middle school student recruitment, joint/group purchasing, and property and casualty insurance programs; and

Whereas, the Ohio College Association looks forward to continuing service to the citizens of Ohio and its outstanding institutions of higher education: Therefore be it

Resolved, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Ohio College Association for its service and dedication.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night, March 4, 2008, my plane was delayed due to weather and I was unable to cast my vote on Suspending the Rules and passing H.R. 1143, H.R. 1311, and H.R. 816 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 88 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1143, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 89 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 90 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 816, to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project, I would have voted "yea."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ALEXIS ROLL FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF OHIO'S TOP TWO YOUTH VOLUNTEERS FOR 2008

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Alexis Roll is an eighth-grader at East Muskingum Middle School; and

Whereas, she undertakes at least two community service projects each month to assist the homeless and hungry, senior citizens, orphaned pets, and others in need of assistance; and

Whereas, Ms. Roll is constantly looking for needs in her community and actively filling them; and

Whereas, as a State Honoree, Alexis will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, DC, for the program's national recognition events in May; and